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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : DD/R Computer Requirement

1. As reported by phone this morning, the ADP Committee met yesterday to consider the ADPS recommendation that an IBM 7090 be acquired to support DD/R operations and the scientific computing requirements of the DD/I (OSI) and DD/S (Commo).

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3. Two major issues emerged for discussion:

a. The machine:

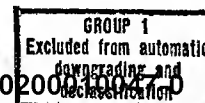
(1) Virtues of 7090 and 490 were aired.

(2) Technical superiority of 7090 was established:

- proven reliability
- heavy software backup
- versatility to do more than DD/R job
- existence of many 7090 contractor programs written for the Agency
- suitability of storage capacities and internal processing speeds

(3) 7090 is the only machine that can be placed into operation fast enough to meet the tight DD/R time schedule.

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and b. ADP Committee Responsibilities:

(1) [] Borel, and [] all
felt that Committee could do its
job only if all members were fully
cleared.

(2) [] advised them that I had
requested this but allowed that the
over-all requirement for the project
had been approved by DCI years ago
and that Committee review of system
and volume requirements for OSA job
was not pertinent. He kept the door
closed except for "C".

(3) Borel said that he intended to see
DD/I, and that if full clearance was
denied, he would resign from the
Committee. [] essentially
shares his view.

4. As a result of the meeting I believe that all
present from DD/R were more convinced than ever that 7090
route was the right one to take.

5. In later Executive Session, Borel and []
agreed "not to object" to the acquisition of the 7090 based
on their understanding of the gross plan and the technical
descriptions furnished them within security limits. []

[] were willing to rely on ADPS professional
and technical judgment provided by those who were fully
cleared to study the job.

6. At my request, Paul Borel is drafting a note giving
essence of Committee action and attitude. This will be
coordinated among the members, signed by me, and sent to
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7. I firmly believe that the 7090 is the machine which the Agency should procure at this time. It has been carefully analyzed by my technical people, and I am convinced that their selection is accurate and their justification compelling.

8. We are preparing a memorandum for you to sign to General Carter for money, people, and space so that a letter of intent can be issued to IBM for priority delivery of the machine.

[Redacted]

Chief

CIA Automatic Data Processing Staff

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n.b. [Redacted] is particularly sensitive to the organizational implications of acquiring a machine to serve inter-office needs. He requested that in a future ADP Committee meeting we "review the ADP Staff charter," and I have since learned that he went to see John Bross about the 7090 after the meeting.

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